

# Z74.3 Need for continuous supervision

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The International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision, Australian Modification (ICD-10-AM) code Z74.3 *Need for continuous supervision* is a code that identifies factors influencing health status and contact with health services. This diagnosis code may be assigned when some circumstance or problem is present which influences the person's health status but is not in itself a current illness or injury.

The following Alphabetic Index entries that can be used to capture the need for continuous supervision are:

## Need for

- continuous supervision required Z74.3

## Dependence

- on
- - care-provider (because of)
- - - need for
- - - - continuous supervision Z74.3

## Why might Z74.3 Need for continuous supervision be assigned for an admitted episode of care?

This code may be assigned:

- to indicate an extension of length of stay that is not attributable to a specific condition such as dementia
- to identify socioeconomic and psychological circumstances affecting the episode of care requirement for nursing special
- as a principal diagnosis where the Care type is 11 Maintenance care
- to support other conditions/diseases. If so, it is important to sequence Z74.3 *Need for continuous supervision* immediately after the related condition/disease.

## Things to consider when assigning Z74.3 Need for continuous supervision

There are a few things that need to be remembered when assigning this code:

- It is important to sequence Z74.3 *Need for continuous supervision* immediately after the related condition/disease – unless this code is the principal diagnosis.
- ensure that the Condition onset flag (COF) is appropriate depending on the documentation in the clinical record.
- As per ICD-10-AM Tabular, codes in the range Z74.- excludes dependence on enabling machines or devices NEC (Z99.-) respite care (Z75.5).
- As per ICD-10-AM Tabular, codes in the range Z74.- notes use additional code (Z55–Z65) to identify socioeconomic and psychosocial circumstances and problems.

## Validations

One fatal validation can generate when coding *Z74.3 Need for continuous supervision*:

H847 - Code || cannot have a Condition onset flag of 9 Condition onset unknown/uncertain on admission to the episode of care. Please review and amend.

This validation specifies code *Z74.3* must have a condition onset flag (COF) of either:

- 1 - Condition present on admission, or
- 2 - Condition arose during the episode of care.

If the COF is 9 - Condition onset unknown/uncertain, H847 will generate.

## Additional resources

The circumstances in which people grow, live, work and age may influence the likelihood of experiencing disease or injury, and their interactions with health services. These circumstances are referred to as social determinants of health, socioeconomic and psychosocial circumstances or social factors.

Australian Coding Standard (ACS) 2119 *Socioeconomic and Psychosocial Circumstances*.

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